

Understanding Christmas: Christian Beliefs and Traditions

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Christmas for Christians and identify key symbols and stories associated with the festival.

Cut out these flashcards. Read the question or term on the front, try to remember the answer, and then flip the card over to check if you are correct!

What is the meaning of Christmas for Christians? It is the celebration of the birth of Jesus, whom Christians believe is the Son of God.	What is the Nativity? The story of the birth of Jesus, including Mary, Joseph, and the manger in Bethlehem.
Who were the Three Wise Men? Visitors from the East who followed a star to bring gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to baby Jesus.	What is 'Incarnation'? The Christian belief that God became human in the form of Jesus.
What is Advent? The period of four weeks leading up to Christmas, used as a time of preparation and waiting.	Why is the manger important in the Nativity story? It was the feeding trough for animals where baby Jesus was laid because there was no room in the inn.
What does the Star of Bethlehem represent? The light that guided the Wise Men to the place where Jesus was born.	What is a 'Christingle' service? A church service using an orange to represent the world, with a candle for light and sweets for God's goodness to all.
Who told Mary she would have a special baby? The Angel Gabriel.	What is the purpose of a Nativity play in schools or churches? To act out the story of Jesus' birth so that people can remember and celebrate the event.
Where was Jesus born? In the town of Bethlehem.	What do Christians mean when they say Jesus is the 'Saviour'? They believe Jesus came to earth to save humanity and bring a relationship between people and God.